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**PETITION TO EXTEND TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

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Sir:

Applicant petitions the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to extend the time for response to the Office Action, dated January 17, 2007, for three months, from April 17, 2007 to July 17, 2007.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$2,950.00 to cover the cost of the extension and a Request for Continued Examination. However, the Director of the USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fees necessitated by this Petition to Extend Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 02-4467.

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